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The public lands in California are characteristic of the diversity that makes the Golden State unique. From the arid Southern California Desert, north to the Sierra Nevada Mountains, and west to the rugged North Coast, the public lands and resources administered by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) are some of the richest and most beautiful in the State.

BLM, an agency of the U.S. Department of Interior, cares for 17.1 million acres of public land in California and 1.5 million acres in Nevada. It also administers about 47 million acres of subsurface mineral resources. The agency's mission is complex:

The Bureau of Land Management is responsible for the balanced management of the public lands and resources and their various values so that they are considered in a combination that will best serve the American people.

Nowhere is that mission more challenging than in California, the Nation's most populous State. California's 26 million residents enjoy playing and relaxing in the sunny outdoors, consume more energy than any State except Texas, place a high value on protection of wildlife and scenic values, and favor a diverse economic base including agriculture, timber production, livestock grazing, and mineral production.

The public lands play an important role in helping to supply all these needs; the BLM, with strong cooperation from other Federal, State, and local agencies, hundreds of interest groups, and thousands of individuals, works hard to make the right choices on decisions affecting these lands.



SOME CALIFORNIA PUBLIC LAND FACTS

- These lands produce about 25 million barrels of oil annually.
- Off-highway vehicle enthusiasts, campers, hikers, and other recreationists make more than 28 million visits annually.
- More than 1.6 million acres are known to possess the potential for generating geothermal energy from deep inside the earth's core.
- About 125,000 head of domestic livestock graze on the public lands.
- Some 35 archeological and historical sites are significant enough to be on the National Register of Historic Places and 650 more sites are eligible for inclusion.
- About 10 trillion cubic feet of natural gas are produced from these lands annually.
- Some 92 areas, totaling 750,000 acres, are given special management attention as Areas of Critical Environmental Concern.
- More than 20 million board feet of timber are available for sale from these lands each year.
- These lands generate almost \$90 million in revenues; the State of California receives almost half that total.
- In addition, counties receive about \$10 million annually in direct payments in lieu of property taxes.
- There are more than 170,000 mining claims for gold, silver, and other minerals on these lands.
- Almost 7 million acres are under study for their wilderness potential.
- About 2,600 wild horses and 2,800 wild burros roam these lands.
- One of the Nation's two National Scenic Areas, the East Mojave, is on public lands in Southern California.
- These lands are home to more than 800 species of wildlife, including 18 threatened or endangered species.
- Two national conservation areas designated by Congress, the King Range on the northern California Coast, and the California Desert, are high priority management areas.
- One of two internationally designated Man in the Biosphere Reserves in the United States is found on BLM lands in the North Coast Range Preserve.
- These lands provide important rights-of-way for powerlines, pipelines, communication sites, and other critical public projects.

THESE LANDS ARE YOUR LANDS

All those who use and enjoy the public lands in California can take pride in the diversity, beauty, and productivity of these lands. But taking pride also means taking responsibility to help care for these publicly owned resources and taking advantage of numerous opportunities to participate in decisionmaking.

If you'd like to be involved in helping to decide the future of these lands, BLM offers direct access through its land use planning activities. Other opportunities are available on specific projects through BLM's environmental assessment process. BLM encourages intensive participation through its four advisory councils, covering the northwest, northeast, central, and southern parts of the State.

California BLM also has the most active volunteer program of any BLM State. Whether in a group or on your own, BLM welcomes your "hands-on" skills and talents. If you have the desire, but not the time, you can also contribute financially (it's tax deductible) to see that your favorite trail is maintained or upgraded, to ensure that information kiosks or interpretive centers are constructed, or to see that special wildlife improvements become a reality.

Whatever your involvement, from attending a meeting to writing a letter to helping construct a trail or contributing financially to a worthy public land project, the BLM appreciates your help. But even more important, you can take pride in your public lands and help to ensure that they reach their full potential. Contact any of the BLM offices listed on the back of this brochure for more information.



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BLM in California

The 17.1 million acres of public lands in California and the 1.5 million acres in Nevada managed by California BLM, headquartered in Sacramento, are administered through four District Offices (boundaries shown on map) and 15 Resource Area Offices. Their addresses and phone numbers are shown on the back of this brochure.

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